

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
March 20, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Prattsville, NY and County of Greene, NY held a Monthly Meeting at the Prattsville Town Hall on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson
	Eli Martin	Councilman
	Ken Aurigema	Councilman
	Crystal Cornell	Councilperson
	Kathy Sherman	Town Clerk
	Bill Sutton	Highway Superintendent

Others Present: Theresa, John Lane, Connie Briggs, Carole Cangelosi, Debbie Dymond, Heidi Ruehlmann, Mike Traver, Donnie Rion, Jim Thorington, Dave Whitbeck, Beth Kamna, Dan Peckham, Jim Baltz, Robin Rion, Jen

Supervisor Cross opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to approve of the Clerks minutes for February 13, 2023.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Monthly Financial Report.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Resident Connie Briggs questioned as to whether a report had been submitted from the Museum. There was not one supplied at this meeting. The current ones will be available at the Town Hall.

A discussion pursued as to whether to increase weekend fees for burials at the Fairlawn Cemetery. A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Aurigema to add a line item to the budget and increase the weekend fees by \$50.00 .

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway – Bill said they are waiting for parts for the big Snow Plow truck, the Dodge is down, and Greene County has loaned us a truck.
2. Water District report –
3. Code Enforcement Report – Code Enforcement Officer, Donnie Rion mentioned that he got a certificate from Greene County for Solar Panels on Cozy Hollow Road.

4. WWTP – Auxiliary pump stopped working and a new pump will be ordered. Repaired broken cable on digester due to rust, the J-press valve stuck closed, after getting it open it was determined to order manual valves. Monthly reports have been sent and accepted.
5. Tax Collector report – General, Highway, Fire, Water, Sewer and Lighting have all been paid in full. \$100,000.00 has been sent to Greene County.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cemetery fees – are as follows during normal times (4/1 to 11/30)
Adult --\$650 Baby--\$550 Ashes--\$250 Disinterment--\$650 Vault use--\$75
Cemetery Lot Costs – per grave- \$300 Per Lot-\$1200 Footing-\$100 per linear foot
2. Spring Clean up date set – May 1, to May 4 –
3. Water Billing – the bills are ready to be sent out
4. Audit town books – Town clerk – Done Court-- Done and approved
5. Town Hall Elevation – the choice was between Labella and Lamont – Supervisor Cross feels that Labella has been the lead on the project but would like to have Lamont oversee the decisions. The estimation for the project is \$300,000, if it does go that high, the Town would go back to CWC for 75% of the project. It is a costly endeavor but would reduce the flood insurance from \$13,000 to \$3,000 annually.
Tal has reviewed both agreements and oked them as long as in Labella’s contract the retainer, Late fees and Attorney fees are removed.
A motion was made by Council Martin and seconded by Councilperson Cornell to approve of Labella for professional services with the changes – take out the Retainer, Late fees and Attorney fees.
Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Aurigema to approve of Lamont on an hourly basis for their professional services for the elevation of the Town Hall.
Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Aurigema
Nays 0
Recused 1 Martin

6. Establish Ambulance District Proposal – Ashland, Lexington & Prattsville is looking to establish a mountain top Ambulance service. Once this has been established a District could be formed which would be the perimeter of all three towns. It would be the same as the fire districts boundaries. Lamont has been working on the proposal with a maximum rate, estimated cost of \$7000. The goal is to have the Mountain Top Ambulance District consolidated by the end of the year.
The proposal will be tabled until May’s monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Aurigema and seconded by Supervisor Cross to accept Lamont’s proposal for working on the Ambulance District.
Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Aurigema
Nays 1 Cornell
Recused 1 Martin

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7. Ambulance Contract –to be discussed in Executive Session

8. Swear in new Judge – Town Clerk, Kathy Sherman gave the Oath of Office to the new Judge, Donald G. Rion. Donnie’s term will be from April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

9. Park use request – Beth Kamna requested the use of the Town Green for April 8, 2023 for an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Prattsville Diner. The request was approved.

The Prattsville Softball League requested the use of the ballfield, concession stand, and field lights for weekly practices and Sunday games. The request was approved with the use of alcoholic beverages restricted and monitored weekly.

10. Ballfield – the Softball league would like to use the concession stand which needs paint, cleaning and pest control, an estimate will be needed for the pest control pricing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Ballfield use with no alcoholic beverages consumed and consequences if not abided by.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema

Nays 0

11. Broadband – County Rte. 2 – MTC signed the contract to expand the Broadband on Cty Rte 2 which includes all side roads and have applied for pole licenses.

12. Fireman’s Tax Exemption – It was not done in time for this years taxes, A Public hearing will be set for April 10, 2023 at 7:15pm for discussion on the Fireman’s Tax Exemption for 2023.

13. MunicIPAY-- an option to collect fees by credit card – The cost for setting this up is \$230. The fees would be charged to the credit card holder. This would not include the Land Taxes at this time.

A motion was made by Councilperson Cornell and seconded by Councilman Aurigema to move to an Executive session to discuss the Ambulance service contract at 8:10pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to go back to the Regular session at 8:40pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to sign the Ambulance Contract with Ashland and Lexington in good faith the current contract of 33% actual cost.

Ayes 3 Cross, Peckham, Martin

Nays 1 Cornell

Abstained 1 Aurigema

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to pay the bills on abstract #3 for March.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema

Nays 0

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With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Aurigema to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Cornell, Martin, Aurigema
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Sherman/Town Clerk